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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

5:00 P.M. - Saturday evening
7:30, 9:30, 11:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday 6:30 A.M. (Except June, July, & August)
Monday-Saturday 8:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated once a month during a parish Sunday Liturgy. Arrangements are to be made 3 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Our Mother of Good Counsel warmly welcomes new parishioners. We believe in the "Stewardship Program" committed to serving God through offering our gifts of time, talents, and treasure for the good of our parish and those in need. We ask you to register as soon as possible by completing a registration form available in the church office during regular office hours. Parishioners moving should notify the church office of any change in address or phone number.

COMMUNION/HOME VISITS

If you are ill or unable to come to Mass for any period of time, please call the Parish Office (610-525-0147) and we will be happy to visit you and bring Communion to you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 11:30 - 12:00 Noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Friday 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.

Parish Office and Rectory Phone: (610) 525-0147

FAX NUMBER: (610) 525-0157

PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

JESUS' WHOLEHEARTED RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF ALL

We might do well to listen to today's Gospel (Mk 1:40-45), and even everything that follows, as filling out Jesus' statement, "For that I have come." Jesus' fame had spread and he was making his way through the villages of Galilee. Then Mark tells us that a person with leprosy came out to Jesus.

Mark does nothing to identify this person. He mentions no name, he doesn't tell us when this happened or where. It's as if this afflicted man appears on the scene to represent everyone who needs what Jesus has come to offer. The man tells Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean." It is almost as if he were looking for confirmation of the reason for which Jesus came, asking, "Is this it?" The man clearly believes that Jesus has the power to heal him, but the leper wants to know if that is also Jesus' desire.

Mark describes Jesus' response in highly emotional terms. First, he is *moved with pity*. The term pity does not imply that Jesus felt sorry for him, but rather that he had compassion, that Jesus felt with him. This compassion is a feeling of solidarity referring to how a mother feels for the child of her womb. It is a feeling that is so affective that it has physical repercussions. Just as he had done with Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the man. As if confirming that the man had correctly assessed his mission, Jesus said, "I do will it." Then, like God the Creator, Jesus spoke a word and what he said came about. He said, "Be made clean," and the leprosy left the man.

In the next movement of the story, Jesus makes the formidable demand that the man tell no one anything. Instead of spreading the story, he is supposed to present his situation to the priest and to make the prescribed offering as a testimony that he had been healed. The fact that Jesus sent the man to the priest suggests that the former leper became the first apostle, the first person Jesus sent out to give testimony to him. And the first testimony Jesus ordered was directed to the religious leaders of his day. Mark never tells whether or not he spoke to the priest, but he did spread the word about Jesus and his power.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Emily Chaveriat,
Carol Luty, Serae DePentino
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Lori Lesutis and William O'Donnell

Please call the Parish Office (610-525-0147) if you would like to request yourself or a family member be put on our prayer list for the next 4 weeks. You can also make a request that the prayers of the community be renewed for another 4-week period as often as needed or desired.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Polly Traver and for the consolation of her family.

H.O.P.E

If you are in need of a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

Lenten Season

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PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 19**, Presidents' Day, in lieu of the fact that we did not close the office on Martin Luther King Day because of the service activities that were being planned for that day.

MASS INTENTION BOOK Summer 2018

The Mass Intention Book for the rest of 2018, including for the 6:30 AM Masses, Monday through Friday during the summer months, is now open. Please come to the Parish Office during business hours to arrange for Masses.

SENIORS' GATHERING

The next Seniors' monthly **Friday Gathering** will take place on **Friday, February 23 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of the School Building. Please bring your usual lunch nourishment with you; desserts and beverages will be provided.

The members of the **Seniors' Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Center to plan for the next 3 months of Gatherings.

FLU AND CHURCH

The church is not a very significant place for transmitting the flu. The workplace, public transportation, schools and families, where many people are in prolonged contact with each other, are the more likely places to get it. Nonetheless, “where two or three are gathered” anywhere, including church, the flu virus takes advantage of its opportunity to travel. *If you are sick, please stay home.* Giving it to others is not something God likes! It is not a virtue to drag your fevered body with its runny nose and constant coughing and sneezing to Mass. If you are sick, “Mass obligation” is suspended. It’s a greater obligation not to pass it on.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT

If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748

RCIA HAPPENINGS “Rite of Sending”

The Community of Our Mother of Good Counsel will celebrate at the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 11** the “Rite of Sending” our parish’s three candidates to the Cathedral for their acceptance to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil this year. Two adults, Camille Kautzmann and Moira Smith, together with a young 7th grade student in our Religious Education Program, Eva Taberski, will celebrate with other catechumens from the Montgomery County and Bucks County Vicariates the *Rite of Election* with Archbishop Charles Chaput on **Saturday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m.** This Rite is celebrated on the first weekend of Lent which ushers our catechumens into the final period of preparation (Lent) for their reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

As a parish community, we will journey with them throughout Lent which calls each of us into this period of purification and enlightenment as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries enhanced by their presence among us. Let us keep each of these “elect” in our thoughts and prayers during this holy season of 40 days.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Thursday evening, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at OMGC’s Parish Center.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for February 4, 2018

In today’s second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

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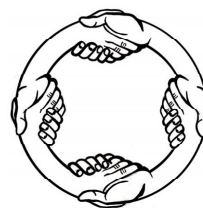
**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.
Please remember the Church in your will.**



“CROSS AND LIGHT”

As part of our Lenten Friday Night Series, we are looking to attend CROSS AND LIGHT. We are hoping to get a group to go as a parish on **Friday March 9 at 7PM** at St. John Bosco’s in Hatboro. This promises to be an emotionally moving experience for all.

Tickets are available for \$25 and \$40. To purchase tickets on your own, please go to www.crossandlight.org and select St. John Bosco, Hatboro. If you would like to sit together as a parish, please call the parish office at 610-525-0147 to reserve your tickets. Tickets are going quickly!

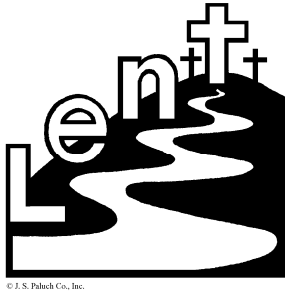


Lenten Faith Sharing Communities

During the six weeks of Lent there will be people gathering to share their faith based on the Gospel.

The purpose of the groups will be to prepare for the Sunday celebration of Mass during Lent; to have a sense of community with other parishioners and to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you would like to belong to one of these groups, pick up a flyer in Church, fill it out and return it to the parish office, or put in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Fr. John at 610-525-0147, Ext. 252 or frjdeary@omgcp parish.net



LENTEN PRACTICES

We begin the Season of Lent on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**. During this 40 days of preparation for the celebration of Easter,

we are encouraged to tend to the following important aspects of this season:

Prayer: We are encouraged, when possible to participate at Mass, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of Scripture and to participate in the parish's Lenten Series on Fridays during Lent.

Fasting: All persons, 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are required to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on these days are to be light.

Abstinence: All persons, who are 14 years of age and older, are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Almsgiving: The Collections taken up at our daily liturgies will be for those who are in need within our own parish as well as our surrounding community as we participate in this Lenten call of responding to the needs of others.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ashes will be distributed during Mass at
6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:30 pm	Each week there will be a simple supper in the Social Center of the school building
7:00 pm	In the church there will be a different prayer service each week:
February 16	Stations of the Cross
February 23	Taize Prayer
March 2	Adoration, Rosary, Benediction
March 9	Cross and Light at St. John Bosco
March 16	Video and discussion on the Bible
March 23	Living Stations of the Cross

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOK

Liturgical Press has published a Lenten meditation book written by OMGC's very own Michelle Francl-Donnay: **Not by Bread Alone 2018**. We purchased a large number of the books for use of our parishioners, but we ran out of them and the publisher is sold out.

It's still possible to order the e-Book in various formats (Kindle, Nook, PC, Mac and others) from the publisher for 99 cents: <https://litpress.org/Products/E4628>.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Meeting: The Parish's IHN Committee will meet again on **Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center as we prepare for the next week of hosting: March 11-18, 2018.

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of March 11-18**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, March 10 at 10:00am** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, March 18 at 12:15pm**, please call Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or email kcarey@omgcp parish.net or Joe Carey at ext. 262 or email jcarey@omgcp parish.net.
- If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- If you can serve as an **evening host** during the week from 6:00 – 8:30pm, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.
- If you can serve as an **overnight host** from 8:30 pm to 6:00am the following morning, once during the week, please call Michele Geraghty at 610-888-6472 or mgeraghty@comcast.net.

LIVING STATIONS

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 THROUGH 12 are invited to participate in the Living Stations. Our first practice will be held on **Sunday, February 18 from 12:15 to 1:15**. The role of Jesus has already been taken but there are many other roles available. There are only 2 speaking parts. Please email Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net if interested.

FIRST SUNDAY



Join us in March!

All persons and families in the parish, are invited to join us on the First Sunday of every month at the 11:15 liturgy followed by a pot-luck lunch! This is not just an event for the PREP families. In a parish where there is no school associated with it, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and families and talk with our priests! Please plan on joining us on **Sunday, March 4** for what promises to be a delicious pot-luck lunch of finger foods! Please use the following link to bring something OR just come and check it out and bring something next month! If you would like to sign up, please use the following link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-March1.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help a parishioner who is blind do her grocery shopping. Volunteers would need to drive with parishioner to the local Acme, shop, carry groceries into the house and unload them. Volunteers can shop once, twice, three or more times per year – usually on weekends or evenings. Each shopping trip takes about three hours. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Karen Fitch at 610-527-8193 or kirste4@comcast.net. Thank you!

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER
616 Coopertown Road in Haverford
www.straphaelacenter.org
610-642-5715

A **Lenten Day of Prayer** is being offered by Rev. James McBurney, OSA, **Wednesday, February 28** using “Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed; recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord” as the foundation of the Day of Prayer.

The Center is looking for a part-time cook to prepare lunch. Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 1:30pm. If interested, please contact Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

We are hoping that the empty baby bottles will arrive at the parish in time for us to have them available for distribution on the weekend of **February 10-11**. Please take a bottle home with you which, hopefully, will be available on 3 weekends in February: (**February 10-11; February 17-18; February 24-25**), fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to Church by the weekend of March 3-4. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Last year, through your generosity, over \$4,000.00 was donated to the work of this very necessary ministry. Hopefully, we will do as well again this year.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A YEAR OF SERVICE?

The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2018-2019 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA; Philadelphia, PA; San Diego, CA; Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit www.augustinianvolunteers.org or contact us at info@augustinianvolunteers.org.

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MERION MERCY ACADEMY

We welcome all seventh grade students, both girls and boys, to take the practice High School Placement Test at Merion Mercy on **Saturday, February 24 from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Parents are offered a school tour at 9:15 am on the test day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch for students. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com and click on the link for the practice test, listed on the homepage.

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a second semester part-time substitute teacher for three sections of biology. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by **Friday, February 9th** or until position has been filled to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

401 Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr Offerings

Tuesdays, February 20 and 27 – Taize Prayer (Prayer Around the Cross): Contemplative prayer with scripture reading, song, brief meditation, intercessory prayer, silence. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Stipend: Donation.

Sunday, February 25 – “Saints and Saintly People: Teilhard de Chardin.” Teilhard combined an evolutionary world-view with a strong commitment to Christianity, believing that within this view lies the ability to see Christ in all things. **1:00 – 4:00 pm**. Presenter: Sr. Julia Keegan, OSF – Stipend \$15.

To register for either of these offerings, please call 610-581-0120 or email mdgipprich@gmail.com.



February 14



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 7:30 SEAN QUINN (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 6:30
- 8:00 DOMENICO & LUISETTA CONICELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 6:30
- 8:00 THE PHILLIPS FAMILY



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 6:30
- 8:00 JAMES E. CONNOR
- 12:10 KATHLEEN M. O'DOHERTY
- 7:30

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:30 JOHN MC GUCKIN
- 8:00 MARY MARCACCIO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 6:30
- 8:00 BRIAN MC MENAMIN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:00 CIRO & KATHERINE IANNOTTA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 7:30 KATHERINE QUINN (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 9:30 PATRICIA SCHIMMINGER
- 11:15 JIM HURLEY

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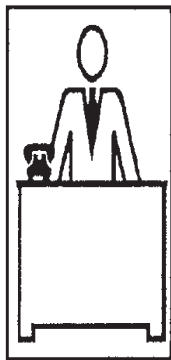
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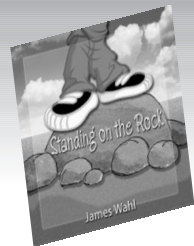
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